REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 17-20 are presently pending. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11-16 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 4, 10, and 17-20 are rejected. Claims 5-9 are indicated allowable, but objected to for dependency on a rejected base claim. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 11-16 are withdrawn following Applicants' election of group I, following the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicants hereby affirm said election.

REJECTIONS OVER JEDDELOH & AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS 1,2 AND 17

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10 were rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,820,181 ("Jeddeloh") under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Claims 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious from Jeddeloh.

Applicants have amended claim 1 (claims 2 and 17 have also been similarly amended) to include "logic for transmitting a signal to the requesting node indicating the presence of the response if the logic receives a signal from the responding node indicating the presence of data within a predetermined period of time after receiving a signal from the requesting node indicating the presence of the request" and respectfully submit that Jeddeloh does not teach or fairly suggest the foregoing.

The Examiner has indicated that "Jeddeloh discloses a system for responding to requests (Fig. 2) comprising: … logic (hub controller/hub operation) for transmitting a signal to the requesting node indicating presence of response (read response 210, col. 5, ll. 64-67), said logic receiving a signal from the responding node indicating the

presence of the data (read data signal, col. 5, ll. 43-45) and receiving signal from the requesting node indicating the presence of the request (memory request signals, col. 4, ll. 17-22) wherein the request is either a read command." Office Action, pp 5-6.

However, Jeddelah does not teach or fairly suggest "logic for transmitting a signal to the requesting node indicating the presence of the response if the logic receives a signal from the responding node indicating the presence of data within a predetermined period of time after receiving a signal from the requesting node indicating the presence of the request" [Emphasis Added] as claimed by Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

REJECTIONS TO CLAIMS 1, 3, 17-20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1, 3, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 17, and have cancelled claim 3 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 17-20 as amended overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejection.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 17-20 are allowable. Accordingly, the present application is in a condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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